GPA Verification Form and Supplementary Questions for Cal Grant and Graduate Fellowship Applications



POSTMARK DEADLINE: MARCH 2, 1997

Warning: It is illegal to purposely give false or misleading information on this form.

Se	ction A — Student Identification and Certification (To be completed by the student.)					
	ad the instructions below and the information attached. Do not write outside of the boxes or answer spaces. "You" and "your" on this form er to the student applying for a Cal Grant or Graduate Fellowship. Please type or print legibly and fill all spaces for Social Security number.					
1.	Your name Last First M.I.					
2.	Your Social Security number					
4.	L. Certification: The information on Section A of this form is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I have read the instructions below and the attached information. I realize that this GPA Verification is used to determine my eligibility for state student aid. I understand that the GPA on this form will be calculated as described in the instructions below and will not include any coursework completed during the 1996-97 academic year. I further understand that all test scores submitted are to conform to the instructions below. 5. High school code (if graduating senior) 6. See instructions below					
	Student's signature Date					
Se	Section B — School Verified Grade Point Average (GPA) (To be completed by the high school or college official.)					
A school administrator must sign below or this form will not be processed. Name of institution						
	Signature and title of school official verifying this GPA Date					
7.	Calculate the student's grade point average (GPA) according to the instructions (number 7 below) and enter here. GPA must be computed on a 4.00 unweighted grading scale. Fill in all three spaces. Address of institution () Phone number of institution					
Ins	Instructions (Allow time for your school to verify your GPA and for the return of this form by the March 2, 1997 postmark deadline.)					

Section A-Student's Identification Information and Certification

This section is to be completed by the student applying for aid.

- 1. Type or write in your name exactly as it appears on the FAFSA.
- Enter your valid Social Security number (SSN). If you reported an incorrect SSN on the FAFSA, mail a corrected Student Aid Report (SAR) to the processor. If you did not receive a SAR, copies are available from the processor.
- 3. Enter your birth date. For example, if you were born July 5, 1975, write: $\begin{vmatrix} 0 & 7 & & 0 & 5 & & 7 & 5 \end{vmatrix}$
- Sign this form. Signing it certifies that the information in Section A is correct, and that you have read these instructions and the attached information.
- If you are a graduating high school senior, please enter the school's College Entrance Examination Code number. Ask your counselor for the correct number.
- If you are submitting a test score instead of a school verified GPA, check this box.

Test scores may only be submitted in lieu of a GPA in the following circumstances:

- You attended a high school or college not in the United States and are unable to have those grades converted to a 4.00 scale.
- Students who have been out of school for 10 years or more.
- Your school did not grade in a manner which can be readily converted to a 4.00 scale.

In the above situations, ACT, SAT or GED test scores can be submitted in lieu of a GPA. Scores from the California Proficiency Examination cannot be submitted in lieu of a GPA because it is not a nationally administered examination. If submitting a test score, you must mail a copy of the testing organization's score report to the Commission no later than March 2, 1997. Grade reports, transcripts and proficiency certificates are not accepted.

Note: Some colleges and universities do not calculate GPA's (e.g., UC Santa Cruz, Stanford, etc.). If you earned college credit at one of these institutions, you must submit test scores in lieu of a GPA by the March

2 deadline. Applicants must submit their GED score directly to the Commission no later than March 2, 1997. Mail test scores to the address listed on the reverse of this form. A GPA or applicable test score is required for Cal Grant A and Cal Grant C. A GPA or applicable test score contributes additional points in the selection process for the Cal Grant B and Graduate Fellowship awards. Consequently, if a verified GPA or valid test score is not mailed to the Commission by March 2, 1997, your application may be disqualified for Cal Grant B or Graduate Fellowship awards.

Section B-School Verified Grade Point Average (GPA)

This section must be completed and signed by an authorized high school or college official.

- 7. Calculate the student's GPA on a 4.00 scale to two decimal places. Grades weighted for honors and AP classes must be converted back to a 4.00 scale. Any grades earned in the 1996-97 school year are to be excluded. Failing grades must be included. The following grades are to be included in the GPA calculation:
 - Current high school seniors: All sophomore- and junior-year grades, excluding physical education (PE) and Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC). Accelerated juniors graduating in spring 1997 should use sophomore grades. Summer school grades earned following completion of junior year should not be included.
 - Students who have not completed at least 24 semester college units or the equivalent prior to fall 1996: Sophomore, junior and senior-year high school grades, excluding PE and ROTC.
 - Students who have completed at least 24 semester college units or the equivalent prior to fall 1996: All college grades obtained before fall 1996. Must include at least 24 semester units or the equivalent and may be calculated using the following:
 - · all college work completed, or
 - all college work completed excluding nontransferable courses and courses not counted in the computation for admissions.

Graduate Fellowship: Applicants enrolled with less than a year of full-time graduate study should have their GPA calculated for the last four semesters or six quarters of undergraduate study completed prior to fall 1996. Applicants enrolled for a second or more year should have their GPA calculated on graduate course work completed prior to fall 1996.

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California Student Aid Commission Initial Processing Branch P.O. Box 510621 Sacramento, CA 94245-0621

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Did you remember to:

- List your Social Security number and sign the form?
- Obtain a U.S. Postal Service Certificate of Mailing?
- Answer all questions on the FAFSA?
- Have your school certify your GPA?
- Attach test scores if appropriate?

Information on Applying for a 1997-98 Cal Grant or Graduate Fellowship



File a 1997-98 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and complete and mail this form by

To be eligible to compete for a NEW state Cal Grant or Graduate Fellowship you must do the following by the March 2, 1997 deadline:

- complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and return it to the address listed on the FAFSA and
- have the attached GPA Verification Form completed and mailed to the California Student Aid Commission.

GPA Verifications may be submitted on the GPA Verification Form (G-4), or your school may send a list of verified GPA's directly to the Commission. Be sure your name and GPA is on the school list if you are not personally sending the Verification Form.

- Do not complete a GPA form if you are currently a recipient of a Cal Grant or a Cal Grant Community College Reserve award. Renewal recipients must complete the FAFSA or Renewal FAFSA for 1997-98 and list the school you plan to attend in Fall 1997. The school will certify your financial eligibility and your Cal Grant will be renewed. If you are a Cal Grant C renewal recipient at this time and wish to be considered for a 1997-98 Cal Grant A or B, you must request to be withdrawn from the Cal Grant C program and file both a 1997-98 FAFSA and 1997-98 GPA Verification Form.
- Report any special circumstances that you believe will affect your financial aid eligibility directly to the schools and colleges to which you have applied.
 Write your name, Social Security number and date of birth on any material you send.

FAFSAs are available at high schools, colleges, and libraries. Questions about this form should be directed to the California Student Aid Commission, Grant Services Branch, P.O. Box 510845, Sacramento, CA 94245-0845, (916) 445-0880. College financial aid offices and high school counselors can also help.

California Grant Programs

The California Student Aid Commission offers Cal Grants to undergraduate students and Graduate Fellowships to graduate students on the basis of demonstrated need and specific requirements. To be eligible to compete for a Commission award you must:

- be registered by fall 1997 at an eligible postsecondary California school;
- be a California resident for at least one year as of September 20, 1997 and certify to this on Question #11 of the FAFSA;
- be making satisfactory progress toward a degree or certificate, if enrolled in postsecondary education; and
- not be in default on any government loan or owe a refund on a state or federal grant, unless repayment arrangements acceptable to the Commission have been made.

Eligible applicants who file both a FAFSA and a verified GPA submitted on the appropriate forms by the March 2, 1997 deadline will be considered for one of the following:

Cal Grant A assists low- and middle-income students with tuition/fee costs. Awards are based on financial need and grade point average. An applicant's eligibility is based on the first school listed in Section H of the FAFSA. If this eligibility is based on having listed a Community College (CC), the applicant will only be considered for a CC Reserve Grant. A CC Reserve Grant does not have monetary value for the first year or while enrolled at a Community College. New applicants who indicate they will be at a senior level in college or higher on the FAFSA application will not be considered for a 1997-98 Cal Grant A.

Cal Grant B assists very low-income, first-year students with living expenses, books, supplies, transportation and other nontuition costs (renewals also may cover tuition/fee costs). New awards are for students who, prior to June 30th of

the award year, have completed college level study of no more than one full-time semester or two full-time quarters, or 16 semester units of part-time study or the equivalent, or four and one-half months of vocational school. There are 250 Cal Grant B awards available for community college students transferring to a four-year college.

Cal Grant C assists low- and middle-income vocational students with tuition and training costs. Recipients must be in a program of study that is at least four months long, at a vocational school, community college or independent college.

Graduate Fellowships assist students pursuing a graduate degree who intend to become faculty members at a college or university. For eligibility scoring purposes, applicants must provide their parents' adjusted gross income plus any untaxed income on the FAFSA. Test results from GRE, MCAT, GMAT, DAT, or OAT should be sent from the testing agency to the California Student Aid Commission by March 2, 1997. Except for the LSAT, test scores from students are not accepted. Students taking the LSAT may submit copies of their exams scores to the Commission. Parental income and test results are used to determine applicants' scores in the award competition. Before funds can be disbursed, recipients are required to sign an Endorsement Form confirming their intent to become college faculty members. Applicants with questions should refer to the Graduate Fellowship Fact Sheet or contact the California Student Aid Commission, (916) 445-0880.

BE SURE TO:

- Consult the chart on the next page for specific college requirements and the requirements of the California Student Aid Commission.
- Read the FAFSA and GPA Verification Form instructions carefully before answering any questions. Applicants will be held solely responsible for timely submission and accuracy of all information provided on these forms. Mail your completed FAFSA to the appropriate processor by March 2, 1997.
- 3. After filing your FAFSA, you will receive a Student Aid Report (SAR). Students are responsible for making corrections to the SAR (if needed) and returning it to the address on the SAR. Do not wait for your school to send any SAR corrections for you. Send them yourself immediately. Failure to submit your SAR corrections on time may result in the Commission's inability to process your award application.
- Complete and mail the GPA Verification Form by March 2, 1997 if you are an applicant for a new Cal Grant or Graduate Fellowship. Mail to: California Student Aid Commission, P.O. Box 510621, Sacramento, CA 94245-0621 or be certain a GPA has been submitted by your school.

Note: You need to complete and return only one GPA Verification Form and one FAFSA. Retain a certificate of mailing as proof the forms were mailed on time.

- 5. Respond promptly to all requests for additional information from the California Student Aid Commission and any colleges and universities where you have applied. Include your Social Security number on all correspondence. You MUST get a Certificate of Mailing from the U.S. Postal Service for your FAFSA and GPA Verification form. Other proofs of mailing may not be accepted.
- Create a financial aid file with photocopies of all forms and correspondence regarding your application(s) for aid.

If you have any questions, contact the California Student Aid Commission, P.O. Box 510845, Sacramento, CA 94245-0845, (916) 445-0880.

California Requirements

State as well as federal law protects the individual's right to privacy of information pertaining to oneself. The State of California Information Practices Act of 1977 requires that the following information be provided to applicants for financial aid who are asked to supply information about themselves. The principal purpose for requesting information on this form is to determine your eligibility for financial aid. Maintenance of this information is authorized by the California Student Aid Commission policy and the policies of the postsecondary institutions to which you are applying for aid. Furnishing information requested on this form is mandatory. Failure to provide such information will delay and may even prevent your receipt of financial assistance. Information furnished on this form may be transmitted to the state and federal governments if required by law. Individuals have the right of access to records established from information furnished on this form as it pertains to themselves. The Education Code of the State of California gives the Student Aid Commission the authority (in consultation with postsecondary institutions) to make this form available. The Officials responsible for maintaining the information contained on this form are the Director of the California Student Aid Commission and the financial aid administrators at the institutions to which you are applying for financial aid. The Social Security number is used to verify your identity under record-keeping systems established prior to January 1, 1975, pursuant to authority of the Student Aid Commission, the California State University, and the California community Colleges contained in Title 5, California Administrative Code, Section 41201, and authority of the Regents of the University of California constitutions, on or the order of the California Constitution. The Student Aid Commission and California public postsecondary education institutions, in compliance with federal statutes and the Equal Protection Clause of the California constituti

Student Aid Application Filing Dates and Requirements for California Colleges, Universities and Other Postsecondary Education Institutions

Financial Aid Source	Application Information	Specific Requirements
California Student Aid Commission (CSAC) Cal Grants A, B, & C, Graduate Fellowship	Mail a version of the FAFSA to the appropriate need analysis service between January 1 and the March 2, 1997 deadline.	 All grant and fellowship applicants: Complete and submit a FAFSA. Be sure to complete every question. All applicants must list at least one California college in Section H of the FAFSA and make sure at least one California college shows in Section H of their SAR. Notify the Student Aid Commission of any permanent address change.
	The FAFSA is free to Cal Grant and Graduate Fellowship applicants. New applicants also must complete the CSAC GPA Verification Form and return it to the California Student Aid Commission by the March 2, 1997 Cal Grant/Graduate Fellowship deadline. (Some schools submit a list of all students' GPA's. It is your responsibility to be sure a verified GPA is sent to CSAC by March 2nd.)	 Cal Grant applicants for new awards: DO NOT mark "no" for question 104 on the FAFSA. The Commission must receive your FAFSA information. Complete and return the CSAC GPA Verification Form. Arrange for admission to an eligible California school or college. New awards will be announced in spring 1997. List at least one eligible Cal Grant school in questions 92-103. The school you will most likely attend should be listed first. Listing a community college first may limit the transfer options of your award. Graduate Fellowship applicants for new awards: DO NOT mark "no" for question 104 on the FAFSA. The Commission must receive your FAFSA information. Complete and return the CSAC GPA Verification Form. Arrange for admission to an eligible California school or college. Read the Graduate Fellowship Fact Sheet available at your school or from the Student Aid Commission. The fact sheet discusses the importance of both dependent and independent fillers providing parental financial information. List at least one eligible Graduate Fellowship school in questions 92-103. The school you will most likely attend should be listed first.
		 Cal Grant and Graduate Fellowship current recipients applying for renewal: Evaluation of Cal Grant and Graduate Fellowship renewal applications is conducted by the campus where you will enroll for the 1997-98 academic year. Make certain you list that college in Section H of the FAFSA.
University of California	Mail a version of the FAFSA to the appropriate need analysis service between January 1 and the March 2, 1997 Cal Grant/Graduate Fellowship deadline. PRIORITY FILING DATE FOR OTHER AID: March 2, 1997.	 Undergraduate California residents applying for financial aid must apply for a Cal Grant. UC does not require submission of a processing fee and completion of the CSS Profile for University of California financial aid awards. Follow campus instructions and meet all deadlines for the required supplemental information. Applications submitted after the priority filing date will be accepted. Federal Family Education Loans or Federal Direct loans are available to eligible students and Federal Pell Grants are available to eligible undergraduate students. Other awards are made as funds are available.
California State University	Mail a version of the FAFSA to the appropriate need analysis service between January 1 and the March 2, 1997 Cal Grant/Graduate	 Undergraduate California residents applying for financial aid must apply for a Cal Grant. The FAFSA is the only financial aid application required by the CSU to award federal and state-funded financial aid. Follow campus instructions and meet all deadlines for the required supplemental information.
	Fellowship deadline. PRIORITY FILING DATE FOR OTHER AID: March 2, 1997.	Late Applicants: • Applications submitted after the priority filing date will be accepted. Federal Family Education Loans or Federal Direct Loans are available to eligible students and Federal Pell Grants are available to eligible undergraduate students. Other financial aid is awarded to late applicants as funds are available.
California Community Colleges	Mail a version of the FAFSA to the appropriate need analysis service between January 1 and the March 2, 1997 Cal Grant deadline. DEADLINES FOR OTHER AID:	Because public community colleges have an open enrollment policy, most will accept a student's financial aid application any time during the school year. You are encouraged to communicate with the college of your choice for specific aid application information, and to ask about Board of Governor waivers to cover the enrollment fee, health fee, and differential fees.
	Contact your local campus.	
Independent Colleges and Universities	Mail a version of the FAFSA to the appropriate need analysis service between January 1 and the March 2, 1997 Cal Grant/Graduate Fellowship deadline.	 Undergraduate California residents applying for financial aid must apply for a Cal Grant. The FAFSA serves as an institutional application for federal financial aid at independent colleges and universities in California. Communicate directly with the financial aid offices at the institutions of your choice for specific deadlines and additional filing procedures. To be considered for additional sources of aid available through independent colleges and universities, you may be asked to supply supplemental information or complete additional
	DEADLINES FOR OTHER AID: Vary from campus to campus.	forms.
Vocational/Career Schools and Colleges	Mail a version of the FAFSA to the appropriate need analysis service between January 1 and the March 2, 1997 Cal Grant deadline.	• The FAFSA serves as an institutional application for federal financial aid at vocational/career schools and colleges. Call the financial aid office at the institution of your choice for specific deadlines and additional filing procedures.

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